

House Resolution No. 815

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school athletic programs which admirably illustrate the highest standards of sportsmanship, training, team spirit, and cooperation; and

Whereas, the Blue Springs High School Wildcat boys swimming and diving team attained considerable distinction during the 2003-2004 competitive season in which it took First Place in the Missouri State High School Activities Association sanctioned Championships which were held at the Rec-Plex in Saint Peters on Friday, February 13, and Saturday, February 14, 2004; and

Whereas, earlier hailed as Conference Champions, the Wildcats earned a total of 258 points at State to overcome defending champion Saint Louis University High School with 215 points, third place Parkway Central at 193, fourth place Saint Louis Chaminade with 183, and fifth place Rockhurst at 169; and

Whereas, with its Top Place finish at the 2003-2004 championship meet, the Wildcats team took home its first-ever swimming and diving state title and the first such Kansas City area crown since 1969; and

Whereas, the Wildcats were admirably coached by Robert Sturman, Bill Shalley, and Melissa Jackson who proved to be an effective and efficient team whose members enhanced each other's strong points and compensated for each others' weak points, and

Whereas, coach Bill Shalley enjoyed the additional honor of being chosen as Coach of the Year for the state swimming and diving meet; and

Whereas, the Wildcats roster included swimmers, Kyle Ayers, Kevin Bigham, Aaron Broadus, Zach Burr, Brandon Floyd, Josh Ghasemi, Kevin Gurauskas, Chris Hafner, Kevin Johnson, Jeff Patterson, and Jason Stokes, and divers, Joel Joplin and David Legler:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar season enjoyed by the Blue Springs Wildcats boys swimming and diving team and to convey to its coaches this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon garnering the long-awaited status of State Champions and our best wishes for a future filled with many more years of personal, professional, and athletic success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the 2004 Blue Springs High School boys swimming and diving team coaches.

Offered by _____
Representative Gary Dusenberg
District No. 54

Representative Bryan Pratt
District No. 55

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 815, adopted February 27, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker